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Gas transparency regulatory reforms

Jemena welcomes the opportunity to comment on the *Measures to Improve Transparency in the Gas Market Proposed legal package to give effect to Decision Regulation Impact Statement Consultation* paper dated November 2020.

Jemena owns and operates a diverse portfolio of energy assets across northern Australia and Australia's east coast. With more than \$11 billion worth of major utility infrastructure, we supply millions of households and businesses with essential services every day.

Jemena's assets include four major gas transmission pipelines (the Eastern Gas Pipeline, the Queensland Gas Pipeline, Darling Downs Pipeline, the Northern Gas Pipeline), a number of smaller transmission pipeline assets, a growing footprint in gas infrastructure assets in Queensland, the largest gas distribution network in Australia and an electricity distribution network. Jemena is also at the early stages (pre-final investment decision) of considering over \$5 billion worth of investment, including extending and expanding the Northern Gas Pipeline, which would deliver more than 900 TJ per day of much needed new gas supply.

As a provider of gas and electricity services, we have enduring relationships with our customers and the communities where we operate. They are at the heart of our commitment to deliver energy safely, reliably and affordably, and to the sustainable growth of our business in the long term. Reflecting this commitment, Jemena is a proud founding signatory of the Energy Charter, launched in January 2019, which provides an industry led framework for progressing the culture and solutions required to deliver energy in line with customer and community expectations.

Overall Jemena supports efforts to increase transparency in the gas markets, provided the benefits from the changes outweigh costs. Our response focuses on matters relevant to gas transmission and related infrastructure only.

Jemena's key concerns are that:

- registration and information about 'facility development projects' is only required after the project is publicly announced; and
- information collected 'in relation to the natural gas industry' is limited to what is essential for the GSOO and strict confidentiality protocols are applied.

Further details of Jemena's position are set out in Attachment B Stakeholder Feedback template.

Yours sincerely

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